



*Bringing the County Closer to You!*

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**March 8, 2013**

### **Ama Tu Vide Health Festival (Love Your Life Health Fair)**

**Sunday March 10 12:00n – 5:00pm**

**Silver Spring Civic Building**

**One Veterans Place, Silver Spring**

Free medical screenings and information to help you stay healthy! For more information, call 240-777-4173. For the flyer, click [here](#).

*This event is sponsored by the Montgomery County Department of Health & Human Services, the Latino Health initiative, the Office of Community Partnerships, the Department of Recreation, Suburban Hospital, and the Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs.*

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### **Three Small Business Seminars to be Held at Germantown Library**

A series of three seminars related to small business will be presented in March, April and May by SCORE DC mentors at the Germantown Library located at 19840 Century Blvd. in the town center. US Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) mentors will discuss factors that will help lead to a successful business; testing business ideas, legal structure, accounting, insurance, market analysis and marketing; sources of financing, management team, and profits and losses. The series is co-sponsored by SCORE DC and the Germantown Library. [SCORE DC](#) is one of more than 364 chapters of SCORE. Five SCORE counselors/mentors also provide counseling daily, five days a week, at Rockville Memorial Library. The schedule is as follows and a question/answer session will follow each presentation:

<b>March 19</b>	<b>6:30pm – 8:30pm</b>	<b>The Essentials of Starting a Business</b>
<b>April 16</b>	<b>6:30pm - 8:30pm</b>	<b>Developing a Business Plan</b>
<b>May 21</b>	<b>6:30pm – 8:30pm</b>	<b>Accounting for a Small Business</b>

Online registration is available at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library). On the library's homepage, go to the Library Events Calendar. For more information about the program, contact SCORE DC at [somkdsr@verizon.net](mailto:somkdsr@verizon.net).

The library's meeting room is equipped with an audio induction loop system for people who use hearing aid amplification with a telecoil switch or cochlear implants.

To request sign language interpreter or other deaf/hard of hearing services for library-sponsored programs, email [MCPL.DeafAccess@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:MCPL.DeafAccess@montgomerycountymd.gov) at least three business days prior to the session.

To request other accommodations, contact the Germantown Library at 240-777-0110.

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## **HHS Reviews FY2014 Operating Budget Recommendations**

**Wednesday, March 20 6:00pm**  
**Children's Resource Center – Auditorium**  
**332 West Edmonston Drive, Rockville**  
**(free parking)**

The public is invited to attend a briefing and discussion on the County Executive's FY 2014 recommended operating budget for the Department of Health and Human Services. Department of Health and Human Services Director Uma Ahluwalia and senior leadership staff will brief residents and interested parties on the department's portion of the recommended budget.

To request sign language interpreter services or other assistance to participate in this meeting, call Alma Laxa at 240-777-1211 (voice), Maryland Relay at 7-1-1 or email to [alma.laxa@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:alma.laxa@montgomerycountymd.gov) by March 15.

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### ***Rescheduled!***

## **Montgomery County Recreation Community Meeting On Future Health and Wellness Programming for Older Adults**

**Wednesday, March 20 7:00pm – 8:30pm (*new date!*)**  
**Eunice Shriver and Sargent Shriver Aquatic Center**  
**5900 Executive Boulevard, North Bethesda**

Montgomery County Recreation has rescheduled the Senior Strategy Planning public meeting that was previously scheduled for March 6 but canceled due to inclement weather. Residents are invited to share their suggestions, thoughts and ideas about the types of recreational and wellness programs they would like to see offered.

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, call 240-777-6870 or TTY 240-777-6974 or email a request to [rec.mainstream@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:rec.mainstream@montgomerycountymd.gov).

For more information call 240-777-4992.

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### ***CORRECTION!***

## **Child Safety Seat Inspection**

**Thursday, March 21 / 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**  
**Fitzgerald's Auto Mall**  
**5501 Nicholson Lane, Rockville, MD.**

Free check of the condition and proper installation of child safety seats by nationally-certified car seat technicians from Fire & Rescue personnel, Police, and Fitzgerald's staff! Maryland law mandates that every child under eight years old must be secured in a federally-approved and correctly used child restraint system (child safety seat or booster seat) when riding in a motor vehicle, unless the child is 4'9" or taller, ~~or weighs more than 65 pounds~~. All vehicle passengers under the age of 16 must be restrained by a seat belt.

***Note: The weight requirement was removed from the law last year.***

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## **Montgomery Parks and Montgomery County Recreation to Host Public Forum on their Proposed Capital Improvements Program, Fiscal Years 2015-2020**

**Thursday, March 21 7:00pm – 9:30pm**  
**Montgomery Regional Office Auditorium**  
**8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring**

[Montgomery Parks](#), part of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and [Montgomery County Recreation](#) will host a joint public forum on March 21, 2013 at 7 p.m. on future capital improvement projects (CIP) for parks and recreation facilities for fiscal years 2015-2020. Details about the forum are below. Learn about the Capital Improvements Program for Montgomery Parks and Montgomery County Recreation, and provide input on future project proposals.

To speak at the public forum, residents must call 301-495-2545 by 4 p.m. on March 20, 2013. The forum is limited to 35 speakers. Written comments may be submitted by email to [mcp-chair@mncppc-mc.org](mailto:mcp-chair@mncppc-mc.org) by March 21, 2013 or by mail to:

Chair Françoise Carrier  
Montgomery County Planning Board Commission  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910

Recent Department of Parks accomplishments from the current CIP include the construction of [Darnestown Square Heritage Park](#); development of the [Wheaton Sports Pavilion](#) (the site of the old Wheaton Ice Rink) featuring an artificial turf playing field suitable for lacrosse, soccer, futsal; reconstruction of [Takoma-Piney Branch Local Park](#), and the renovation of many playgrounds, tennis courts, and ballfields. Additional information on recently completed CIP projects and projects in progress is available at [www.parkprojects.org](http://www.parkprojects.org), under the "Capital Improvement Program Projects" link.

Montgomery County Recreation opened the new [White Oak Community Recreation Center](#) in 2012. Other projects proposed in the Department's FY 15-20 CIP include renovations at Good Hope, Ross Boddy and Scotland neighborhood recreation centers, Plum Gar Community Recreation Center (in Germantown), and construction of new Community Recreation Centers in North Potomac and Wheaton along with renovation planning for the Western Outdoor Pool.

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## Cycling Policy Expert at Planning Department Speaker Series in April

Ralph Buehler

7 p.m. Tuesday, April 9

Montgomery County Planning Department speaker series

Park and Planning Headquarters

8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring

[www.montgomeryplanning.org/speakerseries](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/speakerseries)

Cycling is undergoing a renaissance in cities worldwide. How can Montgomery County learn from other communities who have planned successfully for cycling? Don't miss our April [speaker series](#) event, featuring Ralph Buehler. Buehler's presentation offers a guide to cycling trends and policies in North American, European, and Australian cities, as well as information on safety, bikeways and bike parking, and integrating cycling with public transportation. *Continuing education credits are pending for planning professionals.*

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